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COMOR-D-7/9

14 October 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

SUBJECT: Sanitization and Downgrading of
Sensitive Intelligence: GMAIC Views

1. Attached for the information of the members is a paper prepared by GMAIC in reply to the Chairman of the Board's Security Committee on the above subject.

2. COMOR is requested to study this paper in connection with COMOR-D-7/8 and COMOR-D-7/7 which are on the agenda for the meeting of 18 October.

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Chairman
Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

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Sanitization and Downgrading
of Sensitive Intelligence

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8 October 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Security Committee

SUBJECT: Sanitization and Downgrading of Sensitive Intelligence

1. As requested in your memorandum of 6 September 1963 (IBSEC-PR/4), GMAIC has reviewed the proposed Security Committee report to the USIB on the subject.
2. We believe that the report recognizes the fact that intelligence is useless if it is so restricted in its dissemination that the appropriate action agency cannot exploit it. However, we would like to re-emphasize this general premise.
3. It is believed that the recommendations developed in the report are well founded, and GMAIC concurs in the general concepts expressed in paragraphs 10, 11, and 12, subject to the following comments:
 - a. Paragraph 10 b, states that consideration should be given to the preparation of targeting and similar publications to be controlled within the T and KH systems and disseminated only to appropriately cleared personnel. We do not believe that this procedure is practicable. We are not sure that the net result would be an increase in the protection of sensitive material, in view of the large number of additional clearances which would probably have to be granted.
 - b. Therefore, we believe that the alternative proposed in paragraph 10 c. contains the only practicable approach. In subparagraph 10 c. (3), we would prefer not to limit the use of T and KH material in targeting and similar publications to previously identified strike targets. We feel that targeting is one of the primary reasons for COMOR activities and that identification of new targets is one of the most important benefits to be derived.
 - c. Paragraph 11 a. of the report recommends the separation of highly technical source data from substantive

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information derived from such data. We would concur with this recommendation only with the understanding that there should be no obstruction placed in the way of free flow of the technical material to those needing to use it. This matter is of particular concern to GMAIC, since much of its work involves this type of material.

d. Paragraph 11 e. recommends the establishment of focal points within each department and agency to authorize and record sanitization and downgrading of COMINT. This is a highly desirable objective. An additional step which would provide a useful service to the Community would be the establishment of one central information point which would record downgrading and sanitization actions taken by the various departments and agencies.

e. Establishment of a similar central register of downgraded and sanitized COMOR material would also be desirable. Information in this register should be readily accessible to properly cleared analytical personnel.

(signed)

[Redacted Signature]

Colonel, USA
Deputy Chairman

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